

1879.
NEW ZEALAND.

CONFISCATION OF REBELS' LANDS

(FURTHER PAPERS RELATING TO THE).

Presented to both Houses of the General Assembly by Command of His Excellency.

No. 1.

ORDER in COUNCIL PROCLAIMING certain LANDS under "THE NEW ZEALAND SETTLEMENTS Act, 1863."

G. GREY, Governor.

At the Government House, at Wellington, the second day of September, 1865.

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL.

WHEREAS by "The New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," it was enacted, amongst other things, that whenever the Governor in Council shall be satisfied that any Native tribe, or section of a tribe, or any considerable number thereof, have, since the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, been engaged in rebellion against Her Majesty's authority, it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council to declare that the district within which any land being the property or in the possession of such tribe, or section, or considerable number thereof shall be situate, shall be a district within the provisions of the said Act, and the boundaries of such district in like manner to define and vary as he shall think fit:

And whereas the Governor in Council is satisfied that certain Native tribes, or sections of tribes, having landed properties and possessions in the lands described in the Schedules hereunder written, have been engaged in rebellion against Her Majesty's authority:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in exercise of the power vested in him by the said recited Act, doth hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the Colony, declare that from the date hereof the lands described in the First Schedule to this Proclamation, being districts within which there are situate lands the property or in the possession of such tribes, or sections of tribes, as aforesaid, shall be two districts within the provisions of the said "New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and shall be designated by the names of Ngatiawa and Ngatiruanui:

And whereas it is further enacted that it shall be lawful for the Governor in Council, from time to time, to set apart within any such districts, eligible sites for settlements for colonization, and the boundaries of such settlements to define and vary: And further, that for the purpose of such settlements, the Governor in Council may from time to time reserve or take any land within such district, and that such land shall be deemed to be Crown land, freed and discharged from all title, interest, or claim of any person whomsoever, as soon as the Governor in Council shall have declared that such land is required for the purposes of the said Act, and is subject to the provisions thereof:

And whereas by a Proclamation dated the thirtieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, in exercise of the powers vested in the Governor by the said Act, the Governor hath declared that certain lands shall be districts within the provisions of the said "New Zealand Settlements Act, 1863," and shall be designated by the name of Middle Taranaki:

Now, therefore, His Excellency the Governor, in further exercise of the power vested in him by the said recited Act, doth hereby, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council of the colony, set apart, as eligible sites for settlement for colonization, the lands described in the Second Schedule to this Proclamation, being lands within the said proclaimed district of Middle Taranaki, and the districts hereby constituted of Ngatiawa and Ngatiruanui; and doth declare that the lands described in the said Schedule are required for the purposes of the said Act, and are subject to the provisions thereof, and doth reserve and take such lands for such purposes: And doth hereby further declare, with the advice and consent aforesaid, that no land of any loyal inhabitant within the said districts, whether held by native custom or under Crown grant, will be taken, except so much as may be absolutely necessary for the security of the country, compensation being given for all land so taken; and further, that all rebel inhabitants of the said districts who come in within a reasonable time and make submission to the Queen, will receive a sufficient quantity of land within the said district under grant from the Crown.

FORSTER GORING,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

Ngatiawa.

BOUNDED on the North-west and North by the sea, from the mouth of the River Waitara to the tunnel at Parininihi, and thence by a straight line in a direction due east (true bearing) for a distance of 20 miles; on the South-east by a straight line drawn from the eastern extremity of the said northern boundary in a direction south 39° west (true bearing), till it intersects the straight line between the summit